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For : A METHOD OF PREVENTING AND TREATING BACTERIAL  
INFECTION OF SUTURES AND PROSTHETIC DEVICES, AND  
PROMOTING INGRESS OF LEUKOCYTES INTO TUMOR FOCI

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION  
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicant requests that the following amendments be made in the  
above-identified application:

In the Title:

On pages 1 and 68 please delete the present title and insert the  
following new title:

A1 A METHOD OF TREATING INFECTION OF SUTURES AND PROSTHETIC  
DEVICES

In the Specification:

On page 1 delete lines 7-9 and insert the following:

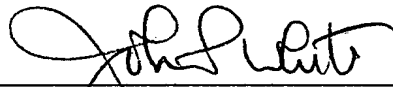
A2 This application is a continuation of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/US97/06577, filed April 22, 1997, which  
is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No.  
08/635,572, filed April 22, 1996, the contents of which are  
hereby incorporated by reference into the present  
application.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$1,620.00 filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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